

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-594**  
**Stabler's Church**  
**Stablersville Road**  
**Parkton, Baltimore County**  
**1814**  
**Private**

Stabler's Church is located in the historic village of Stablersville near Parkton in the Seventh District in Baltimore County. The Methodist Episcopal Church was constructed in 1814 and first appears on historic maps in 1850, where it was noted as Stabler's Meeting House. Although the date stone indicates that the church was constructed in 1814, the church was not dedicated until 1822. In 1827, the Sunday School was established to serve the youth of the congregation. In 1878, the roof of the church was raised and the windows were replaced with the current lancet openings. The small village of Stablersville, just to the west of the York Turnpike and northern Central Railroad, had a population of 100 by 1881. At that time, Reverend E. Buhrman was the pastor. Stablersville was also home to a public school and a grist and saw mill. Stablersville is located in the Seventh Election District in the northern part of Baltimore County.

Facing northeast, Stabler's Church is sited in a rural setting amidst a rolling landscape and surrounded by a complex of buildings. Constructed in coursed stone rubble, this church has a front gable asphalt shingle roof, which caps the three-bay wide façade. It rests on a coursed ashlar foundation and is illuminated with two fixed lancet-arched windows with stained leaded glass. The square-edged window and door surrounds are covered with aluminum siding. The central entrance is accessed with double-leaf wood 5-panel doors with a lancet-arched stained glass transom. The entry is covered with a gable pent roof supported with cut corner wood brackets. A concrete block exterior chimney has been added to the side elevation. The church features large stone quoins, overhanging eaves, and a boxed aluminum cornice. Three historic buildings are associated with this property including a Sunday School, a bathroom building, and a shed.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-594

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic      Stabler's Church (preferred); Stabler's Methodist Episcopal Church; Stabler's Meeting House

other

### 2. Location

street and number      Stablersville Road      not for publication

city, town      Parkton      vicinity

county      Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name      Stablers Church

street and number      Stablersville Road      telephone      Not Available

city, town      Parkton      state      MD      zip code      21120

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.      Baltimore County Courthouse      liber      Unknown folio      Unknown

city, town      Towson      tax map      12      tax parcel      92      tax ID number      0719071300

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	4	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		
		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	5	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			1	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Facing northeast towards Stabler's Church Road, Stabler's Church is sited in a rural setting amidst a rolling landscape and surrounded by a complex of buildings. Constructed in coursed stone rubble, this church has a front gable asphalt shingle roof, which caps the three-bay wide façade. It rests on a coursed ashlar foundation and is illuminated with two fixed lancet-arched windows with stained leaded glass. The square-edged window and door surrounds are covered with aluminum siding. The central entrance is accessed with double-leaf wood 5-panel doors with a lancet-arched stained glass transom. The entry is covered with a gable pent roof supported with cut corner wood brackets. A concrete block exterior chimney has been added to the side elevation. The church features large stone quoins, overhanging eaves, and a boxed aluminum cornice. In 1878, the roof of the church was raised and the windows were replaced with the current lancet openings.

Three historic buildings are associated with this property including a Sunday School, a bathroom building, and a shed. A one-story high wood frame Sunday School building stands to the southwest of the church. Constructed circa 1930, it is one bay wide with a front-gable asphalt shingle roof, and the walls are clad with stucco. The central double-leaf wood paneled door is covered with a half-hipped pent-roof supported with knee braces. There is one interior-end brick chimney. This building has overhanging eaves, a boxed wood cornice with returns, and sits on a poured concrete foundation. To the rear of the Sunday School is a small building containing the restrooms. Constructed circa 1930, this wood frame stucco clad building has a side-gable asphalt shingle roof. The roof features overhanging eaves, and a boxed cornice encased in aluminum. There is one circa 1930 stucco clad shed associated with this property. It rests on a poured concrete foundation and is capped with a front-gable asphalt shingle roof. The single-leaf vertical board door has a square-edged surround encased in aluminum siding. It has a boxed aluminum cornice with overhanging eaves. To the rear of this shed is a second wood-frame prefabricated-shed constructed circa 1980. It has a front gable roof and is clad with vertical boards with overhanging eaves, and a double-leaf wood door.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1814, 1827 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1814, 1878

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> J. Thomas, Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 875.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property One Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name New Freedom

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Stabler's Church is located on Stablersville Road in Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 12, parcel 92 since its construction in 1814.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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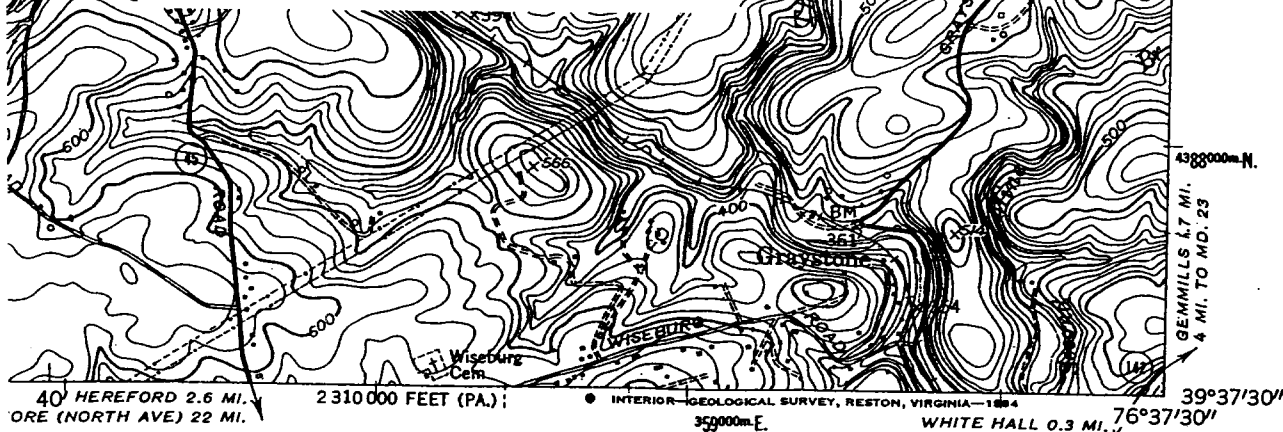
name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	February 11, 2002
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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 Stabler's Church  
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 New Freedom USGS Quad Map  
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#### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty \_\_\_\_\_ Light-duty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medium-duty \_\_\_\_\_ Unimproved dirt \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Route

State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

#### NEW FREEDOM, MD.—PA.

N 3937.5—W 7637.5/7.5

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.

1958  
 PHOTOREVISED 1974  
 AMS 5663 II NW—SERIES V833

(PHOENIX)  
 5663 II SE



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UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING  
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7:00-8:00

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WILLIAM J. HARRIS

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